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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2002. This Amendment is filed with a Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee extending the period for response by three months to and including January 9, 2002. As this Amendment is being filed on or before January 9, 2002, it is believed that no other fees due. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-68767-1/RFT/SPL/467135-00093).

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 8, Line 18, with the following paragraph:

---In a preferred embodiment, the secondary label is a binding partner pair. For example, the label may be a hapten or antigen, which will bind its binding partner. In a preferred embodiment, the binding partner can be attached to a solid support to allow separation of extended and non-extended primers. For example, suitable binding partner pairs include, but are